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December 27, 2023

**BY ECF**

The Honorable P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re:    United States v. Juan Orlando Hernandez, S7 15 Cr. 379 (PKC)**

Dear Judge Castel:

The Government respectfully writes pursuant to the Court's December 20, 2023 Order and in response to the letter submitted by cleared counsel for Juan Orlando Hernandez, dated December 27, 2023. (Dkts. 644, 645). The Court's December 20 Order, consistent with its oral Order at the December 20, 2023 classified hearing, set January 2, 2024 as the deadline for the Government's submission on certain subjects. In light of cleared counsel's letter filed today, which raises other topics, and in order to allow time for the Government to consult with relevant stakeholder(s), the Government respectfully requests a brief extension, until January 4, 2024, to make its submission and that the Court continue to stay its December 15, 2023 Order (Dkt. 640) until further Order of the Court on or after that date. The Government respectfully submits that this brief, two-day requested extension will maximize efficiency by allowing the Government, in consultation with

the relevant stakeholder(s), to file a single submission responsive to the Court's December 20 Order and cleared counsel's December 27 letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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